

### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES (OVS)

#### **FORMATION**

Established on June 4, 2004 by Mayoral Executive Order

Housed in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Purpose: To build a successful infrastructure for comprehensive crime victim services.

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# OVS PURPOSE PRIORITY AREAS

- CAPACITY BUILDING
- TRAINING
- OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
- LEGISLATION

Increase the Amount of Shelter and Transitional Bed Space for Victims of Violent Crime.

- Shelter Initiative

Provide a Core Level of Funding for the Expansion of Services to Victims.

- -VOCA-Crime Victim Assistance Grants
- -STOP-Office of Violence Against Women Formula Grants
- -VAF-Victim Assistance Fund Increased Services Grants

#### Eligibility

- Criteria for VOCA
  - Nonprofit and public organizations
  - Direct services to crime victims

- Criteria for VAWA
  - Law enforcement
  - Prosecution
  - Courts
  - Victim Services

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Criteria for VAF Increased Services

- Nonprofit and public organizations
- Direct services to crime victims
- Areas of Focus
  - Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Homicide Survivors, Robbery/Assault, and Stalking

#### Current Requests for Proposals

- Due May 26, 2006
- Go online to Funding Alerts for Specific Guidelines on Eligibility at the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development Website

http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1318,q ,587660,opgdNav\_GID,1658.asp

Model and/or Pilot Projects That Serve Victims of Violent Crime.

- -Domestic Violence Model Project
- Sexual Assault Model Project
- -Homicide Services Coordination Project
- -Services to Child Victims Model Project

Develop and Implement a Victim Service Center and/or Consolidate Services Model That Best Serves The District.

- Victim Service Center

# Coordinating Victim Services Priority Area: Training

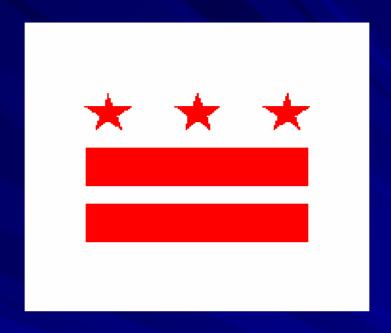
Develop Training Materials and Institutionalize Training Efforts to Ensure All Personnel Who Serve Victims Are Adequately Prepared

### Coordinating Victim Services Priority Area: Outreach and Education

Expand Education Efforts to the Community on Crime Victim Issues.

### Coordinating Victim Services Priority Area: Legislation

Develop a Comprehensive Legislative Agenda for Best Meeting the Needs of Crime Victims in the District.



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